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1. SEVERAL MONTHS AGO (SEE REFTEL)AHMED BDO SAID SET
IN MOTION VARIETY OF ECONOMIC SCHEMES TO SERVE COMMON
INTERESTS OF NORTH AND SOUTH YEMEN. PLAN TO EXPAND USE
OF IDLE ADEN PORT FOR OVERWHELMING TIDE OF SHIPMENTS TO
YAR HAS CLEARLY WORKED. TO JUDGE BY RECENT DESCRIPTION
GIVEN THIS EMBASSY BY UK EMBASSY IN ADEN.

2. BRITISH REPORT THAT AFTER YEARS OF VIRTUAL INACTIVITY
DOCKS OF ADEN AND WAREHOUSES ARE "STUFFED FIT TO
BURST" WITH EVERY INAGINABLE CARGO. ROUGHLY 70 PERCENT ARE
DESTINED FOR YAR AND "LATERALLY HUNDREDS" OF HEAVY LORRIES
STREAM BACK AND FORTH ACROSS BORDER WITH YAR.

3. THABIT BROTHERS, FIRM WHICH DOMINATED LIGHTER-
ING AND CARGO HANDLING IN ADEN HARBOR DURING BRITISH
DAYS, BUT LOST EVERYTHING IN NATIONALIZATIONS OF LATE
SIXTIES, IS BACK IN BUSINESS IN PORT. THEIR BASE IS NOW
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HODEIDA BUT THEIR SANA OFFICE CHIEF, WHO RECENTLY
TRAVELED TO ADEN FOR FIRST TIME SINCE THE GOOD
OLD DAYS, SAYS TRANSIT BUSINESS IS ROUTINE AND BOOMING. PDRY GETS
PORT CHARGES, EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND ALLOWS TRANSIT TRADE
TO GO UNTAXED.

COMMENT: OPTIMISTIC VIEW OF THIS TRADE IS THAT IT PUTS

PREMIUM ON PDRY GOOD BEHAVIOR AS WELL AS SOLVES PRESSING
YAR PORT PROBLEM. PESSIMISTIC VIEW IS THAT IT REWARDS THE
WICKED RADICALS IN ADEN
AND ENTRAMMELS MODERATE SANA. SANA REGIME HAS MADE ITS
CHOICE. DESPITE LINKS OF SOUTH TO HAJRI ASSASSINATION,
YAR IS PUSHING AHEAD WITH JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
PROJECTS LIKE ADEN TRANSIT TRADE.
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